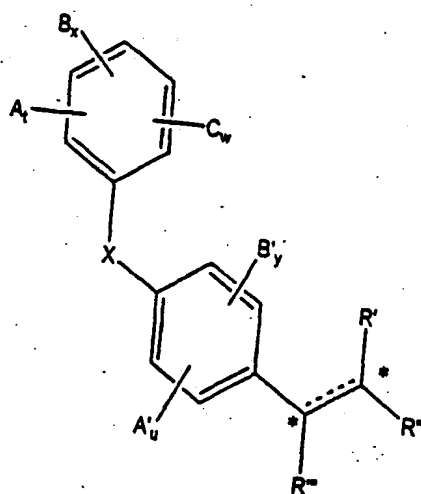


Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1-25. (Cancelled).

26. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition containing a an effective blood glucose lowering ~~effective~~ amount of a compound represented by formula II: ~~of the formula II in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.~~



(II)

wherein stereocenters * are R or S;

dotted lines indicate that a double bond is absent;

A, A', and C are H;

B and B' are H;

R', R'', and R''' are independently H or C₁-C₂₀ alkoxycarbonyl;

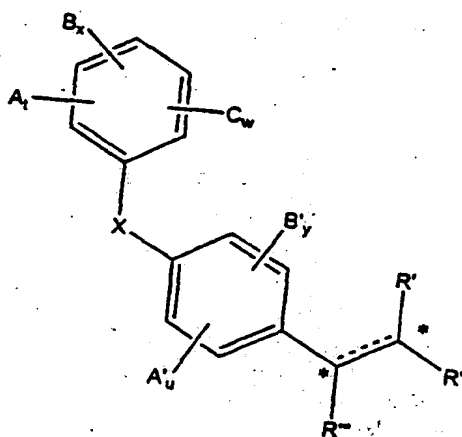
t, x, y and u represent the integer 2;

w represents the integer 1; and

$X=O$;

in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

27. (Currently amended) A method for lowering blood glucose in a subject comprising administering to said subject an effective blood glucose lowering amount of a ~~composition of~~ the formula II compound represented by formula II:



(II)

wherein stereocenters * are R or S;

dotted lines indicate that a double bond is absent;

A, A', and C are H;

B and B' are ~~independently~~ H;

R', R'', and R''' are H or C₁-C₂₀ alkoxy carbonyl;

t, x, y and u represent the integer 2;

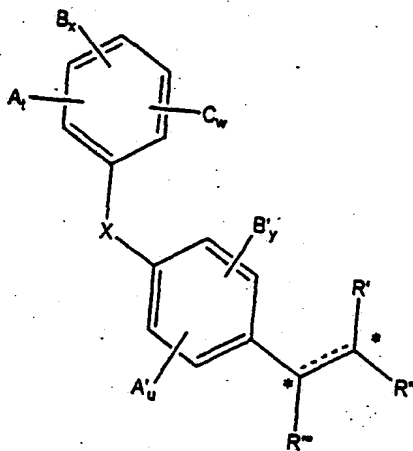
w represents the integer 1; and

$X=O$.

28-30. (Withdrawn and cancelled).

31-46. (Cancelled).

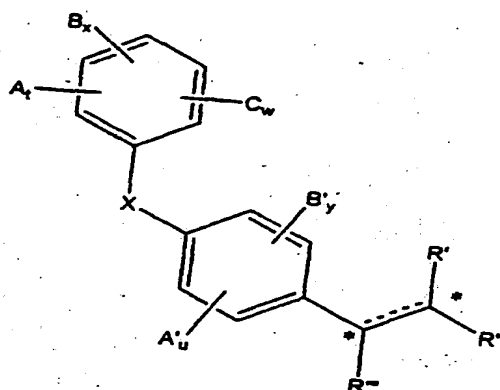
47. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition containing a serum triglyceride lowering effective amount of a compound represented by formula II: ~~of the formula II in a~~
~~pharmaceutically acceptable carrier~~



(II)

wherein stereocenters * are R or S;
dotted lines indicate that a double bond is absent;
A, A', and C are H;
B and B' are H;
R', R'', and R''' are H or C₁-C₂₀ alkoxycarbonyl;
t, x, y and u represent the integer 2;
w represents the integer 1; and
X = O;
in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

48. (Currently amended) A method for lowering serum triglyceride in a subject comprising administering to said subject an effective serum triglyceride lowering amount of a ~~composition of the formula II:~~ compound represented by formula II:



(II)

wherein stereocenters * are R or S;

dotted lines indicate that a double bond is absent;

A, A', and C are H;

B and B' are H;

R', R'', and R''' are independently H or C₁-C₂₀ alkoxy carbonyl;

t, x, y and u represent the integer 2;

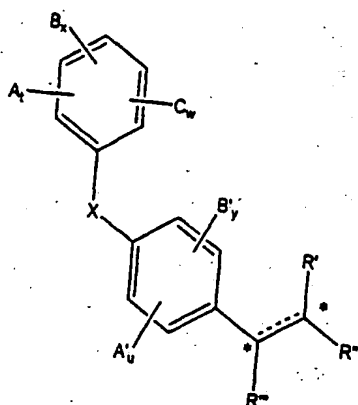
w represents the integer 1; and

X = O.

49-50. (Withdrawn and cancelled).

51-66. (Cancelled).

67. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition containing a blood pressure lowering effective amount of a compound represented by formula II: ~~of the formula II in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.~~



(II)

wherein stereocenters * are R or S;

dotted lines indicate that a double bond is absent;

A, A', and C are H;

B and B' are H;

R', R'', and R''' are independently H or C₁-C₂₀ alkoxy carbonyl;

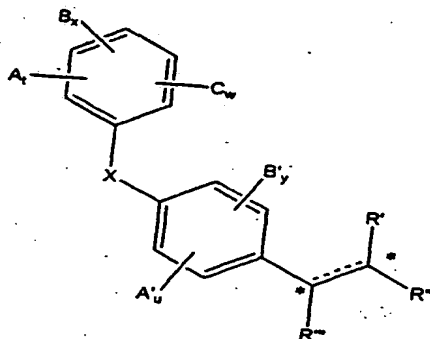
t, x, y and u represent the integer 2;

w represents the integer 1; and

X = O;

in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

68. (Currently amended) A method for lowering blood pressure in a subject comprising administering to said subject an effective blood pressure lowering amount of a ~~composition~~ of the formula II compound represented by formula II:



(II)

wherein stereocenters * are R or S;

dotted lines indicates that a double bond is absent;

A, A', and C are H;

B and B' are H;

R', R'', and R''' are independently H or C₁-C₂₀ alkoxy carbonyl;

t, x, y and u represent the integer 2;

w represents the integer 1; and

X = O.

69-70. (Withdrawn and cancelled).

71. (Cancelled).

72. (Cancelled).

73. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 26 wherein said alkoxy carbonyl is methoxy carbonyl.

74. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27 wherein said alkoxy carbonyl is methoxy carbonyl.

75. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 47 wherein said alkoxy carbonyl is methoxy carbonyl.

76. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48 wherein said alkoxy carbonyl is methoxy carbonyl.

77. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 67 wherein said alkoxy carbonyl is methoxy carbonyl.

78. (Previously presented) The method of claim 68 wherein said alkoxycarbonyl is methoxycarbonyl.